

## House Resolution No. 4120

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Vadah Belle Norton, a treasured resident of Edina, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on September 21, 2008, with a festive family celebration to be held at the Knox County Nursing Home; and

**Whereas**, Vadah Norton came into this world on September 21, 1908, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Melvin H. and Gracie Belle Hubble Matticks, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Vadah embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Johnnie Lee Norton, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker whose hobbies include gardening and making the best fried chicken in northeast Missouri, Vadah Norton enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a farm wife, restaurant owner, telephone operator, and stellar employee of the glove factory for twenty years; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of the Knox City Baptist Church and the Women's Missionary Group, Community Searchlight Extension Club for fifty years, Vadah Norton has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two children, Barbara Ann Goodwin and J.V. Norton; her eight grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven; her twenty-two great-grandchildren; and her nineteen great-great-grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Vadah Norton faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at the Knox County Nursing Home where she now resides:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Vadah Norton as she proudly celebrates one century of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Vadah Belle Norton, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4120, adopted September 15, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker